GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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NUTRITION SCHEME FOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Nutrition Scheme for children is being run by the UNICEF in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the target set under the said scheme;

(d) the amount allocated/released by the Government for the purpose during each of the last three years including current year, State/Union Territory-wise;

(e) whether Government proposes to launch the scheme in the remaining States including Rajasthan;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) UNICEF does not run a nutrition scheme for children on its own. It partners with and supports the efforts of the Government of India and State Governments to improve nutrition and development outcomes in young children in identified States. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is the nodal Ministry for UNICEF's operation in India and approves UNICEF's Master Plan of Operation for a period of 5 years and annual plan of operations in consultation with other concerned Ministries/Departments.

The various activities in the Master Plan of Operations are in the sectors of Reproductive and Child Health; Child Development and Nutrition; Child's Environment; Sanitation, Hygiene and Water Supply; Elementary Education; HIV/AIDS; Child Protection; Advocacy and Partnerships; Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation.

(d) Ministry of Women and Child Development releases Rs.3.8 crores every year as India's contribution to UNICEF. In the current year also the same amount has been released as India's share.

(e),(f)&(g) As per the current Master Plan of Operations, the States covered by UNICEF are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhatisgarh and also Rajasthan. Inclusion of other states, at this stage, is not under contemplation.